GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2461
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2001
PASSPORT OFFICES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of passport offices in the country, state-wise;

(b) the average number of applications checked every month by the passport offices;

(c) whether there is any delay in issuing the passports;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal for opening up of new passport offices; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

a)&b) There are 28 passport Offices in the country. State-wise details of the passport offices and the average number of applications for passports received and checked during the current year upto October, 2001 are at Annexure-I.
c) The Government endeavours to issue the Passports within 35 days provided the application is complete in all respects and a clear police verification report has been received. Delay in issuance of passports is caused when either a clear police verification has not been received or the information/documentation submitted by the applicant is incomplete.
d)&e) There is a proposal for opening a passport office in the capital cities of each of the three newly created states of Jharkhand(Ranchi), Chhattisgarh(Raipur) and Uttaranchal(Dehradun). There is also a proposal to open a passport office at Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) and at Surat(Gujarat).The Government has also decided to extend the facility of issuance of passports at the capitals of North-Eastern States.However, since the volume of applications from the North Eastern States is very low, it is proposed to authorise the concerned State Governments for issuance of passports.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE DETAILS OF AVERAGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PASSPORT RECEIVED AND CHECKED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR (UPTO OCTOBER, 2001). ___

STATE	PASSPORT OFFICE	TOTAL NO. OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED & CHECKED	AVERAGE NO. OF APPLICATIONS
ASSAM	GUWAHATI	14224	1422
GUJRAT	AHMEDABAD	206178	20618
KARNATAKA	BANGALORE	108118	10812
U.PRADESH	BAREILLY	37649	3765
	GHAZIABAD	39640	3964
	LUCKNOW	110572	11057
M.PRADESH	BHOPAL	38722	3872
ORRISA	BHUBANESHWAR	15388	1539
U.T.	CHANDIGARH	140908	14091
TAMILNADU	CHENNAI	145017	14502
	TRICHY	161272	16127
KERALA	COCHIN	114277	11428
	KOZHIKODE	154745	15475
	TRIVANDRUM	82200	8220
DELHI	DELHI	185414	18541
A.PRADESH	HYDERABAD	200600	20060
	VISAKHAPATNAM	42755	4276
RAJASTHAN	JAIPUR	80100	8010
PUNJAB	JALANDHAR	132524	13252
J & K	JAMMU	9595	960
	SRINAGAR	10720	1072
WEST BENGAL	KOLKATA	98012	9801
MAHARASHTRA	MUMBAI	180916	18092
	NAGPUR	19249	1925
	PUNE	44410	4441
THANE		58691	5869
GOA	PANAJI	20168	2017
BIHAR	PATNA	53470	5347